Marketing Officers.

178. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when did the two Marketing Officers of the State take charge of their offices;

(2) what is the nature of the work that they do at present;

(3) what are the works that they are expected to do?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.— (1) The Marketing Officer for Crops took charge of his office on 28th Meenom 1110 and the Marketing Officer for Livestock on 1st Medam 1110.

(2) They are at present engaged in a survey of marketing conditions in the State with particular reference to the following items.—

(a) Rice and paddy.

(b) Groundnuts.

(c) Bananas and Pineapples.

(d) Livestock and Dairy products such as cattle, sheep and goats, poultry, milk, butter, eggs, hides, skins, etc.

(3) The following are the works they are expected to do·

(a) Marketing survey of the State with reference to all important agricultural crops, plantation products and fruits, livestock and dairy products.

(b) Development of markets.

(c) Work on standard grades on all the items referred to in (a).

179. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what are the functions of the Marketing Officers recently appointed by the Government; and

(2) what are they now doing?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.— (1) The functions of the Marketing Officers are:—

(a) Marketing survey of the State with reference to all important Agricultural crops, plantation products and fruits, livestock and dairy products.

(b) Development of markets.

(c) Work on standard grades on all the items referred to in (a).

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(2) At present they are engaged in the survey of marketing conditions in the State with particular reference to the following items.—

(a) Rice and paddy.

(b) Groundnuts.

(c) Bananas and Pineapples.

(d) Livestock and dairy products, such as cattle, sheep, goats, poultry, milk, etc.

180. **Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many Marketing Officers has Cochin got, attached to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research;

(2) (a) what are their qualifications;

(b) salaries; and

(c) functions;

(3) from what Departmental Head do they take orders;

(4) when were they first appointed and since then, have they submitted any report or reports to the Central Board and if so, will the Government be pleased to lay copies of such reports on the table?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—(1) Cochin has two Marketing Officers — one for Crops and another for Dairying and Livestock. They are attached to the Agricultural Department of the State.

(2) (a) Marketing Officer for Crops is a B. A. in History and Economics and B. Ag. with special training in Botanical subjects. Marketing Officer for Dairying and Livestock is a Graduate in Agriculture of the Bombay University.

(b) The salary of the Marketing Officer for Crops is Rs. 150 and that of the Marketing Officer for Dairying and Livestock is Rs. 100 per mensem.

(c) Their functions are (a) Marketing survey of the State with reference to all important agricultural crops, plantation products and fruits, livestock and dairy products. (b) Development of markets. (c) Work on standard grades on all the items referred to in (a).

(3) From the Superintendent of Agriculture.

(4) The Marketing Officer for Crops joined duty on 28th Meenam 1110 and the Marketing Officer for Livestock on 1st Medam 1110. They started survey work on 1st June. Since

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